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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 1, 2003, please charge the required fees for the filing of this response, including in connection with any necessary extension of time (for which Applicant hereby petitions), please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2212. Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

An Appendix including a clean version of the pending claims is attached following page 6 of this paper.